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1.   (Currently Amended)   A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template; and

enabling a~~customization~~ editing of said rule-based application in a ~~deployment~~ runtime environment.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising customizing said customizable element.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a variable.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a rule.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a ruleset.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a customized ruleset from the customizable ruleset template.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling customization in a development environment.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising re-editing a previously generated rule.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a new ruleset is generated from a customizable ruleset template, and a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.

14. – 31. (Cancelled)

32.   (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user, where the customizable element is one of: a variable, a rule, or a ruleset;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template;

~~enabling customization of said rule-based application in a deployment~~ runtime ~~environment;~~ and

~~customizing~~ editing said customizable element in said ~~deployment~~ runtime environment, where said ~~customizing~~ editing comprises generating a new ruleset from a customizable ruleset template, and where a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.

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